Balloon Debate

You are in a hot air balloon which is losing height rapidly and will soon crash because it is overweight. You are travelling with a group of school children who will grow up to be very famous. You have to decide which 7 to throw over the side; if the balloon crashes you will all die. The passengers are:

- Mother Teresa
- Mao Tse-tung
- Mahatma Gandhi
- Nelson Mandela
- Alan Turing
- Charles Darwin
- William Shakespeare
- Tim Berners-Lee

- Diego Maradona
- Albert Einstein
- Leonardo da Vinci
- Abraham Lincoln
- Beethoven
- Vincent Van Gogh
- Grace Hopper
- Steve Jobs

Language

Conditionals	Making Decisions
If_____ hadn't invented_____, _____ wouldn't have happened.	There's no way we're throwing _____ overboard because_____
But for _____ we wouldn't have_____.	Throwing _____ is out of the question because_____
If it hadn't been for _____, we wouldn't have _____ now	I think _____ is expendable.
Had it not been for _____, we wouldn't have_____.	What did _____ really do for us?

Examples:

If Charles Darwin hadn't discovered evolution, society wouldn't have developed like it has.
If it hadn't been for Gandhi, India would still be a British colony.
But for Shakespeare, we wouldn't have such a rich language.
Had it now been for Abraham Lincoln, the slaves wouldn't have been freed.